

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-17, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30-32, 34-48, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 62, 69, 70, and 83-85 are now pending in the above-captioned application.

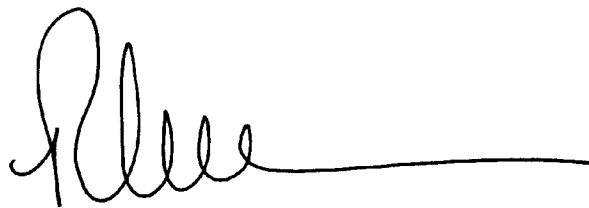
In the NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT mailed on January 14, 2008, it was noted that claim 42 had an improper identifier. The attached claim set corrects this error.

Consideration of applicant's amendment on the merits is respectfully requested.

The NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT set a response time period of 30 days. Thus, no additional Extension of Time fees are due.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, including patent application filing fees and processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50-1393**.

Respectfully submitted,

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